

CHILD PROTECTION ACCOUNTABILITY COMMISSION

Education Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 14, 2016 – 1-3pm

Collette Education Resource Building, Conference Room A

Welcome: The Child Protection Accountability Committee (CPAC) Education Committee was called to order at 2:20 p.m. on Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at the Collette Education Resource Building by Chairperson Susan Haberstroh.

Attendees: Susan Haberstroh (DOE), Jennifer Davis (DOE), Joyce Hawkins (DSCYF), Kathryn Herel (PIC), Mondaria Batchelor (Woodbridge), Chris McIntyre (DSCYF), Kenneth Millman (Family Court), Al Volpe (Appoquinimink), Wendy Strauss (GACEC), Brittany Willard (OCA), Eliza Hirst (OCA), Natasha Williams (Nemours), Joann Bruch (DFS), Tina Shockley (DOE), Barbara Crowell (Family Court), Barbara Mazza (DOE), Anita Sacumoi (student intern)

Approval of Minutes: The Committee reviewed the minutes of the March 9, 2016 and July 13, 2016 meetings. A motion was made by Wendy Strauss to approve the minutes, and it was seconded by Joyce Hawkins. The motion was approved. Susan Haberstroh noted that these will be posted on the website.

Presentation – Eliza Hirst: Eliza Hirst presented information on Trauma and the Impact on Learning. Her PowerPoint presentation is attached to these minutes. The presentation provided perspective on behavior and physical changes students can exhibit and which can impact their learning when they experience trauma in their life. Chris McIntyre noted that trauma training is needed for school districts. Kathryn Herel noted that alternative programs and using Train the Trainer could be beneficial as well.

ESSA Workgroup Update: Chairperson Susan Haberstroh noted a meeting will be held next week (9/20/16) with identified foster care/homeless liaisons to discuss changes to McKinney-Vento and Title I (foster care) as a result of ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act). Challenges and successes will also be discussed, as well as next steps.

Chairperson Susan Haberstroh clarified that per ESSA, each school must identify a foster care coordinator, some of which will also be the homeless liaison. Jennifer Davis will gather the list of coordinators and put on the DOE website (and will send a link to the group once compiled). The Chairperson noted that statute will need to be changed, as now there are added protections for both foster care and homeless students. Additionally, the Department of Education is doing general stakeholder engagement and has an ad hoc committee for foster care. Implementation will be staggered over the school year. More updates to come.

Workgroup Reports:

MOU / Data Workgroup – Joann Bruch

Joann deferred to Brittany who noted that she has requested the 2015-2015 School Year Aggregate Data and is waiting to hear back. Specifically she noted that SAT prep notice would be going out to foster care parents by 9.30.16. Also, she is working on the student snap shot

update. The DOE technology team is working on this and that the technical document will be ready by end of October. She also noted that Jennifer Davis would be doing training to schools.

Collaboration Workgroup – Eliza Hirst

Eliza reminded the group that the team, consisting of Dr. Heather Alford and Trenee Parker from DFS, Brian Moore of Red Clay, Megan Pell of UD, Rachael Neff and Judge Crowell of Family Court, Kirsten Olson of Children and Families First, and Eliza will be attending a weeklong program at Georgetown University at the end of the month on School-Justice Partnerships and will complete a Capstone Project. They will focus a capstone project on trauma and the impact on students.

Other Updates: Eliza provided an update on Compassionate Schools, noting that they have done training in schools, whereby they showed the importance of self-care for those working with children in foster care. They have also done framework training on a trauma response system.

Natasha Williams of Nemours provided an update on how Family Court, DSCYF, OCA, DOE and Nemours are going to be working together on a clinic assessment for kids in trauma. Currently, Nemours has the clinic and does the assessment. DSCYF does trauma screening and screenings are also done in schools. These entities met to develop and streamline a process. Nemours created separate email account for kids so they can go in and get the electronic medical records, which ultimately allows DSCYF to have access to read-only version of the student's medical records. Then OCA, with permission, can give permission to clinic and foster care workers to set up a clinic assessment for the child. Eliza noted they are also trying to find a way to get the school nurses access to the medical records.

Mondaria Batchelor of Woodbridge School District provided a report on the success of the Western Sussex Summit. She noted this is the third year for the event, and that Patty Albright was the guest speaker. There were also several really good breakout sessions, including some that focused on meeting the social needs of students. Overall there was a good turnout for the event.

Eliza also report on the Red Clay Conference Roundup, which was capped at 300 attendees. The keynote speech was about teaching the wounded student. It was a successful event.

Lastly, there was mention of the Colonial Mental Health Conference set for October 7, 2017. Eliza will be presenting as well as other dynamic speakers on trauma, mental health. Eliza will provide the web link to the group. She said it was \$20 to register for the conference.

Kathryn Herel spoke about Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) that may be changing for youth. She is working on this issue and notes that schools have to address this in a new way. Special education staff are concerned.

Public Comment:

No public comments were received.

Next Meeting Dates:

December 14, 2016 – Townsend Building, Cabinet Room

Eliza also noted that Jessica Begley of OCA would be doing a Child Abuse Hotline presentation at our next meeting. It will center around what to do after you have made that initial call to the Child Abuse Hotline. At our next meeting, Eliza will also provide an update on the Georgetown University visit.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Susan Haberstroh at 2:50pm

Submitted by: Tina Shockley, 09.19.16